

REMARKS

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

According to the Final Office Action, claims 19 – 22 and 25 – 27 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 7,031,274 (Sherman). Further according to the Office Action, claims 1-9 and 11-18 are allowable over the prior art, and claim 23 contain allowable subject matter.

To conclude the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Final Office Action, Applicant cancel claims 19 – 23 and 25 – 27 without prejudice.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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